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¶1. Emboffs met January 25 with Nitya Menon of the National Climate Change Secretariat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and delivered reftel points encouraging support for the Copenhagen Accord. Ms. Menon said the GoS is committed to meeting the January 31 deadline to associate with the Accord, but is still working through their interagency process. Menon said that the official deadline was now being called a "soft deadline" and wondered whether there would be a delay in approval of the Accord.

¶2. Menon said that Singapore would maintain its goal of a 12 percent reduction in emissions if the Copenhagen Accord were not approved, and a 16 percent reduction if it is approved. Singapore completed a blueprint for emissions reductions in 2009 entitled Sustainable Singapore that laid out plans to reduce emissions by 7-11 percent. If Singapore holds to its 16 percent target Menon said the country would build on this blueprint but would need to develop additional programs to further reduce emissions.

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